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SUBJECT: SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CHARTER REVIEW AND  
ROMANIAN ITEM

REF: STATE 8159, USUN 0113, MEXICO CITY 0366

1. DEPT HAS CONCLUDED, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT USUN AND  
MEXICO REFTELS, THAT WE SHOULD MAKE EFFORT KEEP  
FEBRUARY-MARCH MEETING OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE IN NEW  
YORK. DEPT'S CONCERN BASED NOT ONLY ON LACK ANY  
REASON FOR SHIFTING VENUE MEETING AND GREATER  
CONVENIENCE FROM PRACTICAL STANDPOINT OF MEETINGS  
AT HEADQUARTERS BUT, MORE IMPORTANT, ALSO ON OUR DESIRE  
AVOID HAVING SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIP SHIFT  
FROM NEUTRAL CHAIRMAN TO PRO-CHARTER REVIEW CHAIRMAN.  
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2. WE HAVE ALSO TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT SERIOUS ABUSES WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE UNDER MEXICAN LEADERSHIP DURING CONFERENCES HELD AT MEXICO CITY. GIVEN PROBABLE INTENSIFIED EFFORT OF ECHEVERRIA AND GARCIA ROBLES TO DEMONSTRATE ALLEGIANCE TO THIRD WORLD CAUSES, WE FEAR WE MIGHT BE SUBJECTED TO EVEN HIGHER PEAK (OR DEPTH) OF ABUSES THAN HAS TAKEN PLACE IN PAST.

3. MISSION SHOULD THEREFORE CONSULT FRENCH, UK AND SOVIET DELS PROMPTLY IN DISCREET EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO RESIST SHIFT OF VENUE TO MEXICO CITY AND TO SEE HOW FAR THEY MIGHT BE PREPARED TO GO IN SUCH RESISTANCE. IN SO DOING MISSION SHOULD STRESS NOT ONLY TOTAL LACK OF ANY RATIONALE FOR SUCH SHIFT, BUT ALSO THREAT PRO-CHARTER REVIEW CHAIRMAN MIGHT POSE TO ATTAINMENT OUR COMMON OBJECTIVES AT SPECIAL COMMITTEE SESSION, I.E. AVOIDANCE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BASIC CHANGES IN UN CHARTER, OR FOR CHANGES SHORT OF CHARTER AMENDMENT CLEARLY NOT IN INTEREST FUTURE EFFECTIVENESS OF UN. MISSION SHOULD EXPLORE DEGREE TO WHICH THESE DELS BELIEVE MEXICO CITY VENUE CAN BE SUCCESSFULLY AVOIDED, AND REPORT RESULTS. US WOULD NOT WISH TO BEAR SOLE BURDEN OF TRYING TO KEEP MEETING IN NEW YORK, BUT WOULD PARTICIPATE IN SUCH EFFORTS IF THEY APPEAR HAVE REASONABLE PROSPECT OF SUCCESS.

4. MISSION SHOULD POINT OUT TO UK, FRENCH, SOVIETS, AND SUBSEQUENTLY OTHERS AS WELL THAT MAJOR PART OF SUBSTANCE OF COMMITTEE'S WORK INVOLVES IMPROVING FUNCTIONING OF UN. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS (OR CHARTER REVIEW EITHER) IS SUBJECT WHICH CAN BE MORE EFFECTIVELY TREATED WHEN REPRESENTATIVES PARTICIPATING ARE NOT OPERATING FROM BASE MOST COMPETENT TO JUDGE MERITS OF VARIOUS PROPOSALS THAT MAY COME FORWARD, THAT IS, THE BASE PROVIDED BY THEIR OWN PERMANENT MISSIONS AND THE EXPERTISE WITHIN THEM. THUS, IN APPROACHING PROBLEM OF IMPROVED FUNCTIONING OF UN WE WOULD BE SETTING BAD EXAMPLE BY MOVING LOCUS OF DISCUSSION OUT OF ITS MOST FUNCTIONAL FRAMEWORK. CONFIDENTIAL

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5. WITH MEXICANS, YOU MAY INDICATE THAT WE HAVE SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH POSSIBLE SHIFT OF VENUE USING ARGUMENT IN PARA 4 ABOVE. IT IS PREFERABLE, OF COURSE, THAT PRINCIPAL RESPONSE TO MEXICANS COME AFTER, AND REFLECT, OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH UK, FRANCE AND USSR, ASSUMING THESE STRENGTHEN OUR HAND.

6. DEPT WOULD ALSO LIKE MISSION'S SUGGESTIONS WITH  
RESPECT TO ANY OTHER SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHOM  
IT THINKS MIGHT USEFULLY BE APPROACHED. KISSINGER  
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